

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING: MAY 24, 2022

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday May 24, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Council President Jamie L. Bolser, Council Vice President John J. Roberts, and Members Bryan Alexander, Leslie G. Fatum, James T. Papacek, Martha J. Lake, and Daryl Maple. Also, in attendance were County Auditor Jessica Secrease. County Attorney Alan Wilson was absent from the meeting. The meeting was called to order and conducted by Council President Jamie L. Bolser.

Council President Bolser led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilman Roberts gave a word of prayer.

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the regular meeting held on April 26, 2022, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Lake. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-HCCO-24 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-24 – Additional Appropriations one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	Additional Appropriations and Reductions	Requested	Approved
<u>9524</u>	<u>MENTAL HEALTH PSC GRANT FUND</u>		
	<u>(SUPERIOR COURT II):</u>		
23745	Incentives	2,000.00	2,000.00
32130	Travel & Training	4,000.00	4,000.00
32640	Drug Screens	2,000.00	2,000.00
	<u>TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH PSC GRANT FUND</u>	8,000.00	8,000.00
	<u>(SUPERIOR COURT II):</u>		
	<u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR</u>	8,000.00	8,000.00
	<u>ALL FUNDS:</u>		

9524 Mental Health PSC Grant Fund (Superior Court II):

In the absence of Judge Brant J. Parry and Coordinator Richard Cotterell, Council President Jamie Bolser presented the requested appropriations to cover incentives, travel & training and drug screens through the award grant dollars.

All additional appropriations and reductions, having been presented, were approved on a motion was made by Councilwoman Lake to approve Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-24 – Additional Appropriations. Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER RESOLUTION NO. 2022-HCCR-8 – TRANSFERS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Resolution No. 2022-HCCR-8 – Transfers one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	Transfer From	Transfer To	Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>			
<u>0002</u>	<u>Auditor</u>			
11304	First Deputy	11200 Chief Deputy	6,097.56	6,097.56
<u>1114</u>	<u>LIT - SPECIAL PURPOSE</u>			
	<u>FUND:</u>			
<u>0380</u>	<u>Jail</u>			
32634	Medical & Hospital Services	23350 Institution & Medical Supplies	100,000.00	100,000.00

1216 AUDITOR'S INELIGIBLE DEDUCTION FUND:

11304	First Deputy - Finance	11200	Chief Deputy	124.44	124.44
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1000 County General Fund – 0002 Auditor:

Auditor Jessica Secrease requested a PAC approved transfer from First Deputy to Chief Deputy to increase the salary. Council President Bolser stated that this is to be backdated to May 1st. This transfer will cover 98% of the salary increase.

1114 LIT – Special Purpose Fund – 0380 Jail:

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested a transfer to cover the cost of medical bills and medical supplies and to also pay medical staff at the jail.

1216 Auditor's Ineligible Deduction Fund – 0002 Auditor:

Auditor Jessica Secrease requested a PAC approved transfer from First Deputy to Chief Deputy to increase the salary. Council President Bolser stated that this is to be backdated to May 1st. This transfer will cover 2% of the salary increase.

Councilman Papacek made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2022-HCCR-8 – Transfers as read. Councilman Alexander seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE. NO. 2022-HCCO-25 – SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-25 – Salary Ordinance Amendments one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	Salary Amendments	Requested	Approved
<u>1000</u>	<u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u>		
<u>0002</u>	<u>Auditor:</u>		
11304	First Deputy - Finance	(6,097.56)	(6,097.56)
11200	Chief Deputy	6,097.56	6,097.56
<u>1216</u>	<u>AUDITOR'S INELEGIBLE DEDUCTION FUND:</u>		
11304	First Deputy - Finance	(124.22)	(124.22)
11200	Chief Deputy	124.22	124.22

Councilman Papacek made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-25 – Salary Ordinance Amendments as read; Councilman Maple seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:

HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE:

Transferring Interest from Inmate Trust Account to Commissary Account:

Sheriff Asher stated that the Sheriff's Office would like to transfer the interest from the Inmate Trust Account, which has been accruing from 2011-2021, to the Commissary Account in the amount of \$1,089.49. Councilwoman Lake made a motion to approve the transferring of interest accrued from the Inmate Trust Account to the Commissary Account in the amount of \$1,089.49 as requested. Councilman Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Update on Inmates at the Howard County Jail:

Sheriff Asher gave an update on the inmate count at the Howard County Jail, as Tipton County has 18 Howard County inmates and is now full. Howard County has signed a MOU with Fulton County with 19 inmates being placed there. The jail count as of the week of May 16th was 471, and today the jail has a population of 457. Councilman Roberts asked what the cost was to house an inmate in other counties and how much it cost to house an inmate in Howard County. Sheriff Asher stated that it costs Howard County \$40.00 a day to house inmates at Tipton County and Fulton County, and the cost varies for Howard County inmates due to some inmates requiring medical attention. The State has approved to pay \$40.00 a day for inmates, but the

increased amount from \$37.50 to \$40.00 a day per inmates has not taken affect at that point. Sheriff Asher stated that the new statue that states that any level 6 felon may be released to the Department of Corrections comes out on July 1st. At this time, there are 38 level 6 felons being housed at the Howard County Jail.

IN THE MATTER OF OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Councilwoman Leslie G. Fatum announced that this meeting was her last Council meeting as she and her husband are moving to Greenville, South Carolina next month. Council President Jamie Bolser stated that she and the Council members would like to thank Ms. Fatum for her time of service on the Howard County Council, and they would like to wish Ms. Fatum the best in her next endeavors.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time,
the meeting was adjourned at 4:24 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Papacek.
Councilwoman Fatum seconded the motion, and the motion carried.*

HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:

JAMIE BOLSER, PRESIDENT

JOHN J. ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT

BRYAN ALEXANDER, COUNCILMAN

JAMES T. PAPACEK, COUNCILMAN

MARTHA J. LAKE, COUNCILWOMAN

DARYL MAPLE, COUNCILMAN

ATTEST:

JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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